Sl. No.	Schemes/Activities	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
5.	Professional Efficiency Development			
	State Veterinary Council to regulate veterinary practices*	—	—	1
6.	National Project on Rinderpest Eradication			
	i. Village search (in thousand)	36.0	30.6	21.3
	ii. Stock Root search (in thousands)	14.2	14.2	13.4
	iii. Day Book Inspection (in thousands)	18.3	18.1	10.9
	iv. Specimen Tested	49	—	—
7.	Modernisation / Improvement of Slaughter Houses/ CUC			
	Modernisation of Slaugter Houses (No.)	3	1	—
8.	Integrated Sample Survey for Livestock production			
	Expenditure on salary of field staff*			

*Activity not quantifiable.

Fall in agricutlure production rate

3511. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual production rate of agriculture in the country is coming down;

(b) if so, what are the figures in this regard for the last five years;

(c) if not, the assessment of Government in this regard; and

(d) what is the estimated rate likely to be gained in present decade i.e. 2000—2010?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The production of agriculture and allied sector shows a longterm upward trend, albeit with fluctuations. The Gross Value Addition (GVA) in the sector during last five years alongwith the annual growth rate is given below:—

Year	GVA in Agriculture & Allied Sector (Rs. in crores at 1993-94 prices)	Growth Rate %
1995-96	251892	-0.9
1996-97	276091	9.6
1997-98	269383	-2.4
1998-99	288401	7.1
1999-2000	290334	0.7

(d) The National Agriculture Policy envisages an annual growth rate in excess of 4% over the next two decades.

Lowering Ex-FCI price of exportable rice

3512. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to lower the ex-FCI price of rice for export purposes;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) whether Government are exploring various options for it;

(d) if so, whether shipment have not picked up in the recent past, due to non-competitiveness of price;

(e) if so, whether any final decision in this regard has been taken; and

(f) to what extent it has boosted the exports of rice and wheat?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Question does not arise.

Making agriculture export oriented

†3513. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of agricultural contribution in the total exports of the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.